

MARCHING OFF POLISH PATRIOTS TO SIBERIA.

OUR Engraving is from a photograph of an admirable and a touching picture presented to Mr. Denman, M.P., under circumstances explained in the following correspondence:—

PRINCE CZARTORYSKI TO MR. DENMAN.

"Paris, Jan. 10, 1863.

"My dear Mr. Denman,—The report of your masterly speech and motion in the House of Commons, on the 4th of April last, has awakened all over Poland a deep sense of gratitude. No one inquired whether or not measures would immediately follow the generous expression of feelings aroused in Great Britain by that eloquent exposure of our violated rights and of the sufferings we endure. You had done what was essential and all that laid in your power by exposing once more, before a great and powerful Government and country, the flagrant disregard in Poland of all laws, human and Divine; and you had thus strengthened the confidence of all good men in the ultimate triumph of what is just, both in the eyes of God and man.

"It will, consequently, not surprise you to learn that a general wish was felt throughout my country to forward to you some token of acknowledgment for what was universally felt to be an important service rendered to her in her state of resistance to foreign and barbarous domination. A popular artist was invited to paint for you one of the daily scenes of which Poland is the theatre—the marching off to Siberia of a party of young men whose only crime was the love of their country.

"This I am now requested to send to you. However painful the subject, I trust it will help to confirm and still more arouse the sentiments so eloquently expressed by you last year. May you soon enjoy the fruits of your exertions for justice and right! May Providence allow us to send you from our liberated country further proofs of our gratitude; and, above all, may we justify by a wise self-government your efforts for the restoration and independence of our country!—I am, dear Mr. Denman, yours most truly,

"L. CZARTORYSKI."

MR. DENMAN TO PRINCE CZARTORYSKI.

"1, Tanfield-court,
Temple, London,
Jan. 27, 1863.

"My dear Prince Czartoryski,—I am quite unable to express the pride and satisfaction with which I read your letter of the 10th inst. My delay in answering it will have been explained to you by Major Szulczewski.

"The wrongs and the claims of Poland deserved a far more powerful exposition than that for which you and your noble-hearted countrymen so cordially thank me; but I accept your thanks, together with the beautiful and touching testimonial which accompanies it, as proof that you appreciate the desire to serve the cause of liberty and justice which alone led me to undertake a task beyond my powers.

"I am convinced that any success which attended the effort was due to the strength of the cause of Poland rather than to the efficiency of her advocate.

"Most heartily do I join in your hope that we may all speedily see and enjoy the triumph of justice and right.

"It ought to be impossible that the present reign of cruelty and terror should endure much longer in the sight of Europe, in days like these.

"Begging you to convey my warm thanks to those who have so honoured me, I am, with every feeling of esteem, yours most faithfully,

"GEORGE DENMAN."

Such scenes as the one which forms the subject of this eminently Polish picture have been witnessed only too often in Warsaw, Wilna, and throughout Russian Poland, at various intervals during the last forty or fifty years. We publish in another column, under the head of "The Poles and their Perse-

explained to him by mere faces and words, but by his own intuitive skill in reading hearts and minds! What a world of domestic comedy he would find it—full of pleasant mirth, genial satire, and here and there a passage of true pathos! The revelation would also have its farcical side, not necessarily confined to the loves and flirtations and jokes of "high life below stairs," or to the vulgarities of what we stigmatise as cockney life. So also would the scene have its tragic aspects, its timid attempts, its melancholy disappointments, its sad awakenings from long and deeply-cherished dreams, its mournful lifelong despairs.

But nothing of this gloomy character oppresses us in our present picture.

subsequently be denied by the charming victim. fraudulently sent some very beautiful specimen honour of the day, cut out in lace-paper, of the m perfumed, and adorned with a dried, natural flow favoured of confessing tokens—has he sent this, w it as will be sure to make the favoured lady at bashful and over-sensitive friend, who will not sighs, and will go on looking and sighing for many get some encouragement from his lady love? We have such a friend at work for him. He will get



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cutors," a page from the history of Russian persecution in Poland, of which the terrible effects are now being felt over the whole of that devoted country.

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY.

WHAT a pleasant occupation it would be for a thoughtful and kindly observer of life if he could suddenly have unroofed for him on St. Valentine's Day a number of genuine English homes, and be as suddenly gifted with the faculty of understanding all that was there passing before him, not as it might be

Although one by one, in rapid succession, all the younger members of the family have stolen away from the breakfast-table on hearing the postman's knock, the father doesn't see why he shouldn't continue reading his paper; and the mother, who cares only for the politics of the hearth, still looks very comfortable about them, and ready to share in any reasonable amount of enjoyment of the expected fun. But she is probably not in the secret that makes the two young ladies press so closely upon the heels of the servant to see what is forthcoming. And that there is a secret we may be sure from the look of the elegant gentleman on the staircase, who is descending just in time to have ocular demonstration that his blow has taken full effect, and cannot

coincidence which duly impresses the juvenile i pretty little coquettish toddler, and her not muc discovery; how surprised they are at it; how the letters will contain!

As to the footboy, with the master's boots o precocious insight, to understand everything an glance, and to express his entire satisfaction in a will be matter for talk up stairs and down stain haps for more serious results ere long, under th but genial and useful and altogether immortal per